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China Evening News of March 8 (Hongkong telegram) :-

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF CHAIRMAN OF PEACE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION IN CANTON

While riding in a motor car with his son after leaving his office, a man named Bang (邦), who is the Chairman of the Peace Maintenance Association of Canton, was attacked by a man with an axe. The son was injured but fortunately Bang himself escaped unhurt. The assailant later made good his escape.

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Morning Leader and other local newspapers (Hongkong telegram):-

MAR 1939

POLITICAL MURDERS AT CANTON

On March 3 two minor puppet officials at Canton were assassinated and the assassins made good their escape.

On March 1 whilst on his way to Macao to attend a meeting to be held by the Japanese, Yuan Kung (袁拱), a notorious pro-Japanese loafer, living at Chungsan Hsien, in Kwangtung Province, was shot at Soo Kow (沙口).

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Editor of the "Sin Kiangyin Jih Pao" Executed

According to arrivals from Wusih, Kao Sih-jing (高寺琴), Chief Editor of the "Sin Kiangyin Jih Pao" (新江陰日報) of the puppet organization in Kiangyin, was captured by the Loyal and Righteous National Salvation Corps on February 14 while on his way to Wusih.

After undergoing an interrogation, he was executed. His head was hung up by guerrillas outside the east gate of Kiangyin Hsien. A notice was posted up nearby explaining that Kao had been executed because he held a post in a puppet organization.

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Four Gunmen Attack Puppet In Hankow

TOKYO, Mar. 8.—(Domei).—Four Chinese terrorists attacked Chin An-jen, member of the Wuhan "Peace Maintenance Commission," after breaking into his residence in the third special administrative district in Hankow on Monday, according to a press message received here today.

Chin escaped injury but three companions were seriously wounded, the message said.

The four assassins fled into the French Concession. At the request of Japanese officials a search for them was started by authorities of the Concession.

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TERRORISTS ATTACK
WUHAN COMMISSIONER

TOKYO, MARCH 8--(DOMEI)--FOUR CHINESE TERRORISTS ATTACKED MR. CHIN AN-JEN, INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE WUHAN PEACE MAINTENANCE COMMISSION, AFTER BREAKING INTO HIS RESIDENCE IN THE THIRD SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT IN HANKOW ON MONDAY, ACCORDING TO A PRESS MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE TODAY.

MR. CHIN ESCAPED INJURY BUT THREE COMPANIONS WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, THE MESSAGE SAID.

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SHANGHAI EVENING POST & MERCURY

MAR 1 [illegible] 1948

Daring Guerilla Shoots Traitor

Detective Chief Killed Outside North Gate Of Weihaiwei

(By Post Correspondent)

WEIHAIWEI, Mar. 7.—Shanghai's political killings have had their counterpart here, as a guerilla yesterday shot and killed a "puppet government" official in an amazingly cool and collected manner, practically under the noses of Japanese sentries.

The dead man is Pi Fu-chu, chief of the Detective Bureau of the Japanese-sponsored government of Weihaiwei.

Near City Gate

Pi Fu-chu was standing just outside the north gate of the city yesterday when he was killed. The guerilla walked up to him, drew a pistol and calmly shot Pi through the head, despite the fact that Japanese sentries on the gate were not far away.

As Pi fell to the ground, the guerilla caught him. Quietly and collectedly the guerilla took from Pi two military Mauser pistols and 50 rounds of ammunition. Only then did he make his getaway.

Notorious Traitor

While political assassinations such as this, cannot be condoned, it must be admitted that Pi Fu-chu was a notorious "traitor," thoroughly unscrupulous and cordially disliked by all except, possibly, his Japanese masters.

Pi often used his position as a means to his own enns, and many an innocent person has been put through the mill because of the "detective chief's" activities.

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SHANGHAI EVENING POST & MERCURY.

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New Regime Officials Narrowly Miss Bombs, Bullets In Nanking

Prior to the arrival of Liang Hung-chih, "President" of the Executive Yuan of the "Nanking Reformed Government" at the Wusih Public Park, where a general meeting was held on December 14 to welcome the chief, a "home-made" bomb exploded under the stage erected temporarily in the middle of the park, Chinese reports state today.

As a result, all those gathered to welcome Liang Hung-chih were rounded up by the Japanese soldiers and thoroughly searched. Three suspects are reported to have been arrested.

Later, when Liang arrived in the park, he found no one there and went immediately to the railway station and left for Nanking, the reports added.

Jen Tao-yuan, "Minister of Pacification" of the Nanking regime and Kao Kwan-wu, "Mayor" of the Nanking were shot at by three Chinese a few days ago when passing by Hsiakwan in Nanking in a motor car, according to a certain foreigner, who arrived here recently.

Both Jen and Kao were not hurt but 70 persons were arrested by the Japanese gendarmes, it is reported. Among these 70 people, it is reported, three young Chinese were in possession of two hand grenades and two pistols.

With the Nanking city practically entirely surrounded by the 4th Route Armymen, according to the foreignger, officials of the Nanking regime are worrying over their own safety and large numbers of bodyguards were recruited, it is reported.

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NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS,

MAR 23 1939

Tseng Chung-ming Dies of Wounds

Wang Ching-wei's Close Follower Falls Victim To Assassins' Bullets

Hanoi, Mar. 22.

Admitted to the French Military Hospital here suffering from three abdominal bullet wounds, Mr. Tseng Chung-ming, former vice-Minister of Railways in the Kuomintang administration and a close follower of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the dismissed deputy chief executive of the Chinese Nationalist Party, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, it was revealed this morning.

Mr. Tseng was wounded by three Chinese gunmen who broke into Mr. Wang's residence at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Also wounded in this attempt, apparently directed at the former Kuomintang leader, where Mrs. Tseng and a third member of Mr. Wang's party. Mr. Wang escaped unhurt.

Assailants Arrested

The three assailants, and one alleged accomplice, were seized by the French police yesterday. They have refused to talk, but it is generally admitted in local administrative quarters that they are connected with the Kuomintang elements under Gen. Chiang Kai-shek opposed to Mr. Wang's advocacy of Sino-Japanese peace.

Mr. Tseng, who was a native of Fukien, was 38 years old. After obtaining degrees from the University of Paris and the University of Lyons, Mr. Tseng taught at the National University of Kwangtung. He served under Mr. Wang Ching-wei as senior secretary of the Kuomintang Government at Nanking and also as chief secretary of the Political Council.

He was also known for literary works on Chinese poetry and translations of Chinese literature into French. —Domei.

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NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS,

OCT 7 1939

Slayers of Wang Aide Given Seven-Year Term

Hongkong, Oct. 6.

Three Chinese, convicted of the murder of Dr. Tseng Chung-ming, close associate of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Orthodox Kuomintang, were sentenced to seven years of penal servitude by the Supreme Court at Hanoi on September 24, a mail dispatch reaching here today said.

The defendants, the report said, claimed that they did not intend to kill Dr. Tseng, still less Mrs. Tseng. They said they aimed at Mr. Wang and had killed Dr. Tseng by mistake. —Domei.

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Ta Ying Yeh Pao dated Mar. 8.

THE MURDER OF A DEPARTMENTAL CHIEF OF KASHAN MAGISTRACY

The other day, whilst he was in the vicinity of Kashan Railway Station, Sung Su-ping (宋肅平), a departmental chief of the puppet Kashan Magistracy, was fired at and seriously wounded by one of the members of a Chinese traitor extermination corps. Seeing that he had attained his object, the patriot before leaving the scene threw to the ground a bundle of handbills containing a manifesto from the corps.

Puppet policemen came to the scene and rushed the wounded official to hospital for treatment. Owing to the loss of blood, Sung Su-ping succumbed to his injuries on March 6.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 1, Special Branch

REPORT

File No.

MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.

Date March 27th, 1939.

Subject (in full) Assassination at Kashing.

Made by D. I., Pan Lien-pih *Forwarded by* C. Crawford. D.I.

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Sir,
Information
Thos Robertson
DC(SB)

With reference to the attached newspaper translation from the Ta Ying Yeh Pao of the 22nd March 1939 wherein a Chief Detective is reported to have been assassinated, it has been ascertained that the person murdered was one Wei Mau-der (衛毛頭), alias Wei Chu-chen (衛菊珍), a notorious loafer in Kashing who operated a theatre and extorted money from gambling and opium dens in that city. He is reported to have been killed by a rival gang who were not satisfied with the division of the proceeds obtained from gambling and opium dens. He was not killed by guerillas as reported in the local press, and he is not a Chief Detective of Kashing.

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D. C. (Special Branch)

Ta Ying Yeh Pao (22/3) :-

MURDER OF CHINESE CHIEF DETECTIVE AT KASHING

After becoming a Secret Detective in the Japanese Gendarmerie Headquarters at Kashing, Wei Mou-der (魏毛頭), an evil doer, began to oppress the people. Recently, he engaged large numbers of people to secure information about the movements of the Chinese troops.

On the evening of March 19, three Chinese, acting on instructions from the Chinese authorities, hid in the vicinity of the Kashing Hotel (嘉興飯店), Chang Ko Lung (張家弄), and shot Wei as he was leaving the Chi Yuan Theatre (奇園劇場). Wei collapsed, whereupon the gunmen made good their escape.

A party of Japanese and puppet soldiers and policemen arrived and removed Wei to hospital, but he died on the way.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S.2 Special Branch

REPORT

Date April 12 1939.

Subject. Attempt on the life of Feng Sing Ts, Chief of the Soochow Branch of the Great People's Association.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

With reference to the attached report, enquiries amongst pro-Japanese elements show that although the attempt on the life of Feng Sing Ts(馮心支) was not mentioned in any official documents published by the Reformed Government, this incident really took place in Soochow on March 30, two days after the anniversary of the inauguration of the Nanking Reformed Government. Three shots were fired; two missed the mark but the third hit the victim on the shoulder. The motive is undoubtedly political as the injured man has been engaged in pro-Japanese propaganda since taking up his service with the puppet regime. No confirmation can be obtained of the arrest of the would-be assassin as the Soochow authorities have kept the matter a secret.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S. B. REGISTER
Station 98708

Special Branch, N.S.B. 19

REPORT

Date April 5, 1939.

Subject (in full) Attempt on the life of the Chief of the Soochow Branch of the Great People's Association.

Made by and Forwarded by C.D.I. Ross.

Subject to any information?

With reference to the attached translation of a report entitled "Chief of Soochow Branch of Great People's Association Murdered" published by the "Standard" and other local Chinese dailies on April 2, Chao Chi-jih (趙季陸), representative of the first mentioned paper, was interviewed at headquarters on April 5.

Upon being questioned as to the source of his information, he explained that the article is translation of a report (cutting attached) published by the "Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury" of April 1.

On April 5 the "Sin Shun Pao," a Japanese owned Chinese language daily, also published a report (of which translation is attached) relating to the attempted murder of Feng Sing-ts (馮[illegible]之).

D B Ross
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D. C. (Special Branch).

APR 5 1939

Sin Shun Pao (Japanese owned Chinese language newspaper) :-

ATTEMPT ON LIFE BY CHIEF OF SOOCHOW BRANCH OF GREAT PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION

When interviewed yesterday by a reporter of the United Press of China (中聯社) in connection with the attempt on the life of Feng Sing-ts (馮心支), Chief of the Soochow Branch of the Great People's Association, Kao Soo (高朔), Director of the Great People's Association, stated that according to telegraphic reports he had received, Feng was only injured in the attack and his life is in no danger. Kao further stated that the assailant had already been arrested and is at present undergoing interrogation at the hands of the responsible authorities at Soochow. It is not known whether the attack was due to private grudge or to political motives.

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APR 1 1939

Soochow Celebrations Of New "Government" Featured By Troubles

Wealthy, Influential "Puppet" Falls To Bullets Fired In Tea Shop; Triumphal Arches Set On Fire As Constable Looks Away

(Post Special Correspondent)

SOOCHOW, Mar. 30.—Mr. Vung Sing-tz, one of the leading "puppets" of Soochow, was fatally shot in that city this morning. The assasin walked into a tea shop about nine o'clock and fired two shots at the victim, one entering the head and the other the back. The injured man died about four o'clock that afternoon.

The assailant escaped from the tea shop but was later apprehended while he was explaining to a crowd his motives for the act and the dangers that faced people in similar positions.

Well-Known

Mr. Vung Sing-tz, although a native of Mutu, was well known in Soochow and was chairman of the "Dah Ming Wei," a pro-Japanese organisation. He was a man of wealth and influence and has been taking a very active part in the government and has been a strong supporter of the Japanese sponsored regime.

The shooting was the culmination of three days of minor disturbances connected with the anniversary of the inauguration of the new regime. Three days ago hand bills were distributed on the street urging the people not to forget the Central Government and warning those connected with the Japanese agencies. Another incident was the burning of three of the street arches built for celebrating the anniversary. These arches were elaborately decorated with the five colors of the new regime and strung with a multitude of electric lights.

Look Away

One account states that at dawn the morning of the [illegible] two policemen approached a Chinese policeman near one of the arches, pointed pistols at him and suggested that the affair was of no concern to him and that he would be far happier if he turned in the opposite direction. The fire started and the two [illegible] escaped.

Whether this new [illegible] of extremism in the new [illegible] the result of the [illegible] of the [illegible] from [illegible] by the [illegible] or whether [illegible] formerly [illegible] in [illegible] remains unascertained.

April 2, 1939. Morning Translation.

Standard and other local newspapers :-

CHIEF OF SOOCHOW BRANCH OF GREAT PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION MURDERED

An arrival from Soochow has made the following statement :- "On March 28, the Japanese and the puppet authorities in Soochow put up decorations on busy streets to celebrate the first anniversary of the inauguration of the 'Reformed Government'. Patriotic elements in the city mobilized that day and distributed handbills everywhere reminding the people to resist the enemy and save the nation. They set fire to the decorations and destroyed them. During burning, the patriotic elements drew pistols and warned the puppet policemen on duty about the decorations.

"On March 30, a patriotic Chinese youth opened fire on Feng Sin-ts (馮心支) alias Feng Soochih (馮世德), Chief of the Soochow Branch of the Great People's Association. On the fall of Soochow, he formed the Soochow Maintenance Association under the direction of the Japanese. He succumbed to his [illegible] on the afternoon of the same day. The gunmen made good his escape.

"After the shooting, the Japanese and the puppet soldiers conducted a search with the result that a suspect was arrested."

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April 2, 1939. Morning Translation.

Standard and other local newspapers :-

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"After the shooting, the Japanese and the puppet soldiers conducted a search with the result that a suspect was arrested."

Shun Pao :-

A TRUST COMPANY HAVING THE NATURE OF AN EXCHANGE COMPANY IS BEING FORMED

Local exchange companies suspended operations after the outbreak of local hostilities.

Last month, Wong Sui-ts (王瑞之), a broker of the Gold Bar Exchange, made an attempt to form a Sino-French Exchange to deal in gold bar, cotton, provisions, stocks, etc. He applied for registration with the local French Consulate-General, but the application was turned down.

Using the relief for unemployed workers of exchange companies as a pretext, Wong Sui-ts is now intending to form a trust company having the nature of an exchange company. An office has been established in the upstairs premises of the Sumitomo Bank, Kiukiang Road. It has started registration of brokers. An application has been sent to the Ministry of Finance of the National Government at Chungking asking for approval.

As an investigation is required concerning the nature of the trust company, the amount of capital etc., it is reported that the Ministry of Finance has summoned Wong Sui-ts to proceed to Yunnan for enquiries.

SHANGHAI EVENING POST & MERCURY.

APR 1 2 1939

Six Pro-Japanese Leaders Killed In Kaifeng, Honan

Gunmen Slay High Officers At Meeting

Pacification Committee Members Wiped Out; Assassins Flee

(Transocean)

PEIPING, Apr. 12.—Six political leaders of the new North Chinese Government and members of the Peiping Committee of Pacification were killed in the capital of Honan province, Kaifeng, on Easter Sunday when unknown assailants invaded a meeting of the committee and shot all six members. The seventh member of the committee escaped death by being absent.

Japanese circles assume that the assassins were Chinese who had managed to slip into the ranks of the Japanese troops in Kaifeng. None of them had been apprehended yesterday evening.

Those killed include the chairman of the committee, General Hu Yun-kun and a former high officer in the Manchurian army, General Fu Chuang-ying.

The committee of pacification had been formed at the beginning of this year for the purpose of looking after Chinese soldiers who decided to join the ranks of the new North China Government.

Blow To Doihara

The reported assassination of the six political leaders of the Committee of Pacification in Kaifeng, hotbed of the recent anti-British agitations, is generally regarded as a severe blow to the plans of General K. Doihara, director of many a political intrigue in Manchuria and North China.

The committee was to have been the embryo of a big military headquarters for Marshal Wu Pei-fu, in the event of his consent to organise a new federated government with jurisdiction over all Japanese occupied areas in China, except Manchuria, a pet scheme evolved by General Doihara.

Wu Pei-fu Refuses

While the marshal was still reluctant to emerge from his retirement, and insisting on his own terms, General Doihara, it is said, lasted for him a manifesto announcing his consent to "save China" from communism and went so far as sending a commission to Kaifeng for the purpose of making preparations to establish a high military headquarters for the marshal. According to his plans, the marshal was to leave Peiping for Kaifeng [illegible] months ago to raise a "National defence army" and to pave the way for the inauguration of the federated government.

General Doihara received his first blow when the marshal refused to emerge from his retirement. The assassination of the members of the Pacification Committee on Easter Sunday formed the second severe blow to his plans.

Wu Leaves Peiping

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, veteran Chinese soldier-poet who has repeatedly turned down Japanese requests to emerge from retirement and participate in the so-called "peace movement," is rumored to have secretly left Peiping for destination still unknown, says a local Chinese report.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date April 21, 1939.

Subject (in full) Assassination at Soochow.

Made by D.I. Pan Lien-pih Forwarded by C. Crawford, D.C.

With reference to the attached newspaper translation regarding the assassination of an official of the "Kiangsu Provincial Government" at Soochow on April 13, 1939, enquiries have produced the following particulars :-

At 8.30 a.m. April 13, 1939 Yao Chih-an (姚績安), Secretary of the Civil Administration Department of the "Kiangsu Provincial Government" at Soochow, was fatally shot on Kwei Zien Ka Street (觀前街), Soochow, whilst he was proceeding in a ricsha from his home to his office. The assailants made good their escape. Following the assassination the Japanese Military carried out a strict search in all hotels and restaurants throughout the city, but the assailants were not arrested.

Pan Lien-pih
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D.C. (Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. S. REGISTRY
No. S. S. D.
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Form A

Headquarters,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

April 20, 1939.

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT

Terroristic activities in Soochow

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, S.M.C. and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report.
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S.2 Special Branch. xxxxx Station.

Date April 19, 19 39.

Subject Terroristic activities in Soochow.

Made by Forwarded by

According to arrivals from Soochow, the city gates were closed for three days viz: April 13, 14 and 15, when the authorities, Japanese with the cooperation of the puppet officials, made house to house searches for terroristc. It appears that several cases of murder and attempted murder of puppet officials have taken place in the city, the most recent incident being the murder of Yau Tsih An (姚賀安), Secretary to the Civil Governor Chen Cheh Ming of the Kiangsu Provincial Government, who met his fate when leaving his home in a ricsha on Lung Tun Road on April 13. The assassin or assassins managed to escape and as far as can be ascertained despite a thorough search they have not been traced.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
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Date

Date April 19 1939.

Subject Terroristic activities in Soochow.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

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Tan Shao Liang
Superintendent.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE 19 APR. 1939

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Kiangsu Official Shot Dead in Soochow

Gunman Murders New Regime Secretary

Attacked by a gunman while riding in a rickshaw near the junction of Lin Tun and Kuan Chien Roads in Soochow, Mr. Yao Chih-an, secretary of the Civil Affairs Department of the Kiangsu Provincial Government, was slain at 9.30 o'clock on Thursday morning, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

He was on his way to his Government offices from his home at Min Lo Li, Pi Peng Fang, Lin Tun Road, the daily stated.

Since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict, prior to which he was a primary school teacher and a member of the self-government committee of the Provincial Government, Mr. Yao has served as secretary of the civil affairs department.

CHINA PRESS.

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High Puppet Official Killed In Soochow

Secretary Of "Public Affairs Department" Assassinated

(United Press)

TOKYO, Apr. 14.—Yao Shih-an, secretary of the "Public Affairs Department" of the Japanese-sponsored "Kiangsu Provincial Government," was shot and killed in Soochow yesterday by an unidentified Chinese assassin, Japanese reports received here today said.

The attack occurred on Lintun Road in Soochow at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, the reports said.

Two Others Killed

Two other assassinations have been committed in the Soochow area during the past few weeks, according to reports received here yesterday.

One of the victims was Sheng Ke-an, "commander" of the so-called "Self-Defense Corps" of the Huanchin district of Soochow. Sheng was shot down and killed after he had been dragged from a steam launch just outside the walls of the city. This happened on Easter Sunday morning.

The launch, according to reports received here, was held up by four Chinese youths who went aboard, singled out Sheng from the other passengers and pulled him ashore. They then forced the "commander" to kneel down and shot him in the head, according to eye-witnesses. The four gunmen made their escape before the Japanese gendarmes arrived.

On March 30, Vung Sing-tz, "chairman" of the "Taminhui," a pro-Japanese organisation at Soochow, was shot and killed while seated in a teashop. In this case the gunman is said to have been arrested. The shooting followed a series of incidents which preceded the celebration of the first anniversary of the "Reformed Government." The day before, guerillas in Soochow burned the arches built on the streets of the city as a part of the celebration program.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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Kuo Chi Jih Pao and other local newspapers :-

CHINESE OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED AT SOOCHOW

At 9.30 a.m. April 13, Yao Chih-an (姚質庵), Secretary of the Civil Administration Department of the Kiangsu Provincial Government at Soochow, was assassinated whilst on his way to office in that city. The assassin made good his escape after firing four shots at Yao, two of which penetrated his chest.

The victim was formerly a primary school teacher and became a member of the Self-Government Committee after the withdrawal of the Nationalist Army from Soochow.

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SHANGHAI EVENING POST & MERCURY.

APR 14 1939

Gunmen Murder Third Soochow Regime Leader

Secretary Of Kiangsu Government Slain On Main Street

"DEFENSE CORPS" LEADER KILLED

Youths Take Huanchin Official Outside City

Attacked by a gunman while riding in a ricsha on Kuan Chien Road in Soochow, Yao Chih-an secretary of the civil affairs department of the Japanese-sponsored "Kiangsu Provincial Government," was slain at 9.30 yesterday morning, according to a Japanese report today.

The assassination, which took place on the main street of the Kiangsu city, was the second one within five days and the third in the period of two weeks.

Yao was on his way to his office when he was "executed." A former primary school teacher, Yao had served as secretary since the inauguration of the "provincial government" under Chen Chih min, a former Soochow lawyer.

Another pro-Japanese element was assassinated outside the walled city of Soochow on Sunday. The victim was Sheng Ke-an, commander of the "Self-Defense Corps" in Huanchin, a district within Soochow. He was travelling in a steam launch on a business trip to Soochow when the vessel was stopped about a mile from the walled city by four armed youths. Without molesting the other passengers, the youths seized Sheng and gave orders for the steam launch to resume progress. The launch had proceeded for only a few yards when the youths fired at Sheng at close range and killed him. They left the scene long before Japanese and local officers arrived.

On March 30, Vung Sing-ta, chairman of the Taminhui, a pro-Japanese organization, was shot and killed in a teashop inside the walled city. The alleged murderer was arrested. The shooting was the climax of the three days' disturbances which marked the celebration of the first anniversary of the "Reformed Government" in Nanking. On March 29, two men approached a policeman, covered him with a revolver while others set fire to the arches built on the streets as a part of the celebration program.

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Double Murder in Tientsin

Customs Superintendent Killed Within Week of Mr. Dyott's Release

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Tientsin, Apr. 12.

Mr. H. F. Dyott was released on April 3, after having been held seventeen days by his captors. The exact detail surrounding his capture, and more specially his release, are shrouded in mystery. At the request, it is said, of the Japanese military authorities all parties concerned in the affair have been bound to secrecy, and have so far maintained complete silence, so that not the faintest detail of this somewhat mysterious business has been allowed to leak out.

All that seems certain is that no ransom was paid; and that the Japanese seem to have had belated pricks of conscience, as they have assured the foreign Consuls that their nationals can now with perfect confidence return to their homes in the Special Areas, as they will guarantee their complete safety. It is all very mystifying and, not unnaturally, has caused a lot of talk and innuendo.

Hardly has this affair been settled, when another breaks out, which is likely to again raise the vexed question of police control against terrorism in the foreign Concessions. A disastrous shooting affray in a local cinema has set all Tientsin on tenterhooks once more.

At 5.30 p.m. on April 9, Mr. S. D. Cheng, Superintendent of Chinese Customs, was shot and killed in the Grand Theatre in Council Road; and in the get-away one foreigner was killed and another badly wounded.

First Plot a Failure

The murder seems to have been carefully planned and showed considerable forethought, both in the choice of time and place and the method of tracking down the victim. A Chinese, dressed in foreign clothes and speaking the northern dialect, went to the box-office and asked that a flash message be put on the screen asking Mr. Cheng to come out to the lounge where a friend was waiting to speak to him. Mr. Cheng who was sitting in the balcony with his wife and children watching the film "Gunga Din," got up to do so, when his wife suggested that he wait to the end of the picture. The man finding that this method of luring his victim into the lounge, where a get-away would have been easier, had not been successful, bought a balcony ticket and took a seat immediately behind his intended victim.

Whether deliberately on his choice the occasion selected was a very suitable one, for towards the end of the film, when the British soldiers engage the thugs there is a lot of shooting and noise. Choosing this moment the man drew a large 38 Mauser pistol from his pocket and fired four shots [illegible]

Russian Killed

At first, owing to the darkness and the noise of the film, the audience was unaware of the tragedy that had taken place. But a young Russian, Talat Mansouroff, an athlete, who was sitting at the end of the row saw what had happened and tried to hold the assassin, as he pushed past, but received a shot in the abdomen. As he was rushing downstairs the assassin met another foreigner, Mr. Charles Clauser, a Swiss engineer of the Tramway Co. Whether the unfortunate man tried to stop him also, or whether the murderer was simply shooting his way out, the former was struck by a bullet and was killed instantly, the empty pistol being found lying next to his body.

The murderer escaped into the busy street, and disappeared before a hue and cry was even set up. Mr. Mansouroff was taken to an adjacent hospital where an emergency operation was performed on him, and it is hoped that he will recover. Mr. Clauser leaves a wife and child, and was just about to go home on retirement. The motive for the original murder was obviously political. Mr. Cheng had been manager of the Tientsin branch of the Federal Reserve Bank during the previous year and on March 24 had been appointed by mandate of the "Provisional Government" to the post of Superintendent of Customs in Tientsin.

In actual fact, however, he had not taken up the post and had been neither to the Customs office nor had he met any of his colleagues. Only one week previously he had paid a visit to Peiping, in order, as he told his friends, to try and get the "Provisional Government" to cancel the appointment, as from the many warnings he had received he was, like so many others in the same position nowadays—under no delusion as to the terrible personal risk that he was running by accepting the appointment.

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Ta Ying Yeh Pao (24/4) (Soochow news) :-

ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF CHEN CHEH-MIN

At about 6 p.m. April 19, as Chen Cheh-min (陳調民), Governor of Kiangsu, was returning to his residence at Fu Jen Faung (富仁坊), Soochow, in his private motor car, he was fired at by five youths, but Chen escaped unhurt. The gunmen succeeded in making good their escape after the shooting.

Upon receipt of information from Chen Feh-min (陳調民), the younger brother of Chen Cheh-min, President of the High Court in Soochow, Police guards from the Kiangsu Provincial Government were detailed to the scene and declared martial law in the vicinity. A search was made, but it had no result.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2 Special Branch

REPORT

Date August 24 1939.

Subject (in full) Murder of nephew of Waung Ching Wei in Hongkong.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

Enquiries made in Shanghai indicate that Sun Sung, nephew of Waung Ching Wei who was the latter's representative in South China, was murdered in Hongkong on August 22, the family of Waung having received a telegram confirming the information.

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Nephew Of Wang Killed In Hongkong

Shum Sung Axed, Shot Dead By Unknown Assailants

REPERCUSSIONS OF AFFAIR FEARED

Victim Believed Agent Of Ousted Leader Of Kuomintang

(Reuters)

HONGKONG, Aug. 22.—*Reuters* Correspondent witnessed a political murder in the heart of the city this evening, outside the premises of the *South China Morning Post*.

Hearing two shots, he rushed to the scene, and found a Chinese in foreign dress lying in the gutter, badly slashed, with hatchet wounds in the face, and bullet wounds in the back and neck.

The victim was identified as Mr. Shum Sung, the son of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's sister.

He is stated to have been acting as agent for Mr. Wang Ching-wei [illegible].

Two Chinese were seen running from the scene of the killing, discarding two choppers.

They vanished down side-streets before the police arrived.

Area Cordoned Off

The area is now cordoned off by police, who are examining the evidence, and are pursuing investigations into the killing.

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Repercussions Feared

Repercussions are feared, as it is known that agents of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and of the Central Government, have been threatening each other with reprisals [illegible] assassinations recently.

The police have already recovered one pistol, and [illegible] bullets, which, it is hoped, will lead to the apprehension of the assassins.

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Wang Agent Slain In Hongkong

Shot and Chopped with Axes in Street; Was Son Of Peace Leader's Sister

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Hwa Pao, Sin Wan Pao, Shun Pao (Hongkong telegram):- 23.8.39 (AM)

Wang Ching-wei's Nephew Killed in Hongkong

At 9.15 p.m. August 22, whilst leaving a certain club at An Lai Ka Street (安瀝街), Sun Sung (沈松), a nephew of Wang Ching-wei, was attacked by three persons and fatally injured.

Whilst leaving the club, Sun Sung was accompanied by two persons but after the attack, they immediately decamped. The identity of these two persons is being investigated.

According to information from various quarters, three youths attacked Sun Sung with the latest type of axe. Sun Sung shouted for help, whereupon one of the three youths opened fire, fatally wounding him.

The assailants then discarded their axes and decamped in a leisurely manner.

After the murder, policemen found two axes and one pistol near the scene of crime.

Another report states that when Wang Ching-wei went to Canton he was accompanied by Sun Sung. When Sun Sung returned to Hongkong, he was paid a subsidy of $2,000 per mensem by a certain party for his expenses in carrying out certain activities.

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REPORT

Date September 5, 1939.

Subject Lee Jih (李傑), head of Wang Sz Chiao Village, Pootung - murdered.

Made by D.I. Kan Lien Pih Forwarded by R. W. MacCallie D.S.P.

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Lee Jih (李傑), head of Wang Sz Chiao Village, Pootung, was shot and killed by five persons at his home in the village on September 4, 1939. The shooting also resulted in the death of two others and the wounding of a fourth, all of whom were with Lee at the time.

The assailants called upon Lee at about 6 a.m., September 4, 1939, claiming that they were subordinates of Chang Miao Keng (張妙根), Commander of the Pootung Self-Defence Corps (Japanese sponsored) and that their commander had instructed them to make arrangements with Lee for the disposal of 500 "zars" of rice. Two of the men were known to Lee, and at their request, Lee sent for Chow Hoh Ling (周鶴林), head of Chow Chia Chiao (周家橋) district, Pootung, and Hsia Chao Keng (謝兆根), head of Ai Wen Hsiang (艾文鄉) district, Pootung, both being Lee's subordinates, to participate in the discussion. (It is the practice of the Pootung Self-Defence Corps to entrust village heads to dispose of confiscated and stolen rice.)

When the two men came, the five callers produced their pistols and shot at them and also at Lee Jih and Lee's younger brother who were all in one room. After injuring Hsia Chao Keng and killing the three others, they made good their escape. Hsia is now detained in the Lu Zung (鹿仁) Hospital, Tung Chong Road, Pootung.

The motive of this crime is reported to be friction between Lee Jih and the Pootung Self-Defence

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Corps arising out of the division of illegal gains.

It is learned that the Special Service Section of the Japanese Military has appropriated a sum of $500 towards the burial expenses of those killed.

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Chinese-American Daily News (Hankow telegram): 14.9.39 (AM)

WUHAN COURT PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED

At 9.15 a.m. September 13, whilst on his way to the puppet Wuhan High Court in a private motor car, Chow Hung-ching (周洪庆), the President of the Court, was fired at by several Chinese from behind. Chow was struck by two bullets and was killed instantaneously. In all more than ten shots were fired. The assassins made good their escape.

After the incident, special precautions were adopted by the Japanese gendarmes in the Wuhan area and a vigorous search for the assassins was conducted but no arrests were made.

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Liu Yi-shih Assassinated By Gunman

Man, Branded Traitor, Killed In Front Of French Hospital

REVENGE SAID BEHIND KILLING

Numerous Blueshirts Stated "Sold Out" By Slain Man

(United Press)

PEIPING, Oct. [illegible].—(Delayed by censors).—Liu Yi-shih, former leader of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Blueshirts in North China who turned traitor, was killed yesterday while attempting to see his wounded father who saved his life two weeks ago when assassins opened fire in an effort to avenge the death of numerous Blueshirts "sold out" by Liu.

The former Blueshirt leader, who joined Japanese forces as an informer and supplied them with a complete list of North China Blueshirt members, was killed by a daring assassin at 5 p.m. when he attempted to enter the French Hospital to see his father.

As Liu descended from a ricsha, the lone assassin fired twice, hitting him with both bullets. The assassin murdered Liu before the eyes of two detectives, who had been placed on guard at the hospital since the admission of the elder Liu. Liu's father was wounded in an unsuccessful attempt on Liu's life two weeks ago.

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The two detectives attempted to prevent the assassin from shooting down Liu, but were too late.

One of the detectives fired at the assassin, while the other darted after the murderer who entered the French Hospital premises in an effort to escape.

Chinese police immediately surrounded the hospital and then called for a large force of Japanese gendarmes.

French File Protest

The Japanese entered the hospital grounds, but French authorities forced them to leave the premises.

The French Embassy made a sharp protest, stating that the Nuns in the hospital were unduly frightened by the Japanese intrusion and the shooting at the assassin who was alleged to have taken shelter on top of the roof of a church in the hospital compound.

The protest by the French Embassy caused the Japanese to leave the hospital, but they cordoned the hospital. They were still surrounding the hospital today and seemed enraged.

Reports that the assassin had been arrested could not be confirmed.

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Shun Pao :- 2.11.39 (PM)

TRAITORS EXTERMINATION MOVEMENT IN SOOCHOW

According to an arrival from Soochow, traitor extermination terrorism has once again broken out in Soochow.

One Feng Cheng-sen (馮潤生), aged 60, was, prior to the Sino-Japanese hostilities, connected with educational and political circles. After the fall of Soochow, he became a senior officer in the service of the People's Maintenance Association. Last year he was appointed Officer in charge of the Registry of the puppet Educational Department.

On October 31, while Feng was on his way to office in a private ricsha, he was fired at and wounded. He was rushed to hospital for treatment where he succumbed on the following day. The assailant made good his escape.

Not a single word of the affair appeared in any of the newspapers. Certain quarters stated that Feng was assassinated in connection with a love affair and that the woman has been detained by the Special Service Corps in Soochow.

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